

Claims

1. A ready-made food package (1), which consists of a tray (2) containing the packaged food (16) and a lid (4) closing the tray, and in which at least the lid of the package is made of polymer-coated board, **characterised** in that the food (16) has been baked in the tray (2) included in the package and in that the edges (9) of the lid (4), by which the tray has been closed after baking, have been bent under the rim flange (6) of the tray and have been heat-sealed to the lower surface (11) of the rim flange by means of the polymer coating (14) of the lid.
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2. A ready-made food package as defined in claim 1, **characterised** in that the lid (4) has additionally been heat-sealed to the upper surface (10) of the rim flange (6) of the tray (2).
- 15 3. A ready-made food package as defined in claim 1 or 2, **characterised** in that the inner surface (14) of the lid (4) is made of heat-sealable polymer, such as polyester.
4. A ready-made food package as defined in any of the preceding claims **characterised** in that the tray (2) is made of polymer-coated board.
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5. A ready-made food package as defined in any of the preceding claims **characterised** in that inner surface (13) of the tray (2) is made of heat-resistant polymer, such as polyester.
- 25 6. A method for manufacturing a ready-made food package (1) as defined in any of the preceding claims, comprising the steps of placing the food (16) in a raw state in a tray (2) in which the food is baked, and after baking closing the tray with a lid (4), **characterised** in that closing is performed by placing a lid blank (3) cut from polymer-coated board over the mouth of the tray (2), by bending the edges (9) of the blank under the rim flange (6) of the tray and by heat-sealing the edges to the lower surface (11) of the rim flange by means of the polymer coating (14) of the board.
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7. A method as defined in claim 6, **characterised** in that the lid (4) is also heat-sealed to the upper surface (10) of the rim flange (6) of the tray.
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8. A method as defined in claim 6 or 7, **characterised** in that the lid blank (3) comprises creased folding lines (7), along which bending of the edges (9) is carried out.
- 5 9. **Use** of a tray made of polymer-coated board as a baking tray in the manufacture of ready-made food packages, comprising closing the tray (2) after baking with a lid (4) made of polymer-coated board, the edges (9) of the lid being bent under the rim flange (6) of the tray and heat-sealed to the lower surface (11) of the rim flange by means of the polymer coating (14).